

**WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**  
**April 9 2009**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater / Rice Lake Management District was called to order at 6:00 PM by Don Wickerscheimer presiding for Brian Morris who is present via a telephone conference call. Roll call was announced and documented as follows:

**Present:** Brian Morris & Bill Watts (by conference call), Rice Charts, Jim Felland, Don Wickerscheimer, Town Representative, Norm Pruesner, and County Representative, Jerry Grant.

**Guests:** Art Speerbrecher, Jeff Widner, Dave Cleven, Gerhard and Theresa Stegemann, Andy Wojdula and Jim Harmon.

**Clerk Present:** Susie Speerbrecher

**Administrative**

Jim Moved the minutes from the December 11, 2008 board meeting be approved as presented.

Jerry seconded the motion. Motion Carried. December minutes will now be posted on the website.

**Financial**

Rich reviewed restated November and December 2008 disbursements totaling \$7,677.73. Motion made by Jim to accept the restated disbursements, seconded by Don. Motion Carried. Disbursements for January - March 2009 were reviewed totaling \$2,072.68. Check #1861 for \$100.00 will be voided as we do not need a goose containment treatment permit therefore changing the total to \$1972.68. Don moved we accept disbursements of \$1972.68. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Rich requested there be a motion made to be able to pay out normal, usual and maintenance expenses that occur between meetings. Don made a motion to Rich's request. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. It was brought to the board's attention Frawley Oil is requesting we have a Fleet Card with them for all fuel purchases. In doing so we will received a 3 cent gallon discount. Jeff will hold the PIN NUMBER for this card. Rich motioned we move ahead acquiring a Fleet Card. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Rich will receive a statement from Frawley at months end for the fuel purchased and pay accordingly. Rich briefly discussed the purchase of a new truck and transferring funds to the Capitol Fund account. Immediate action does not need to be taken. Brian motioned to move the funds so they would be available at the time a decision is made to purchase a new truck. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Equipment**

Jim reported a new 90 horse Evinrude motor has been purchased for the transport in the amount of \$5891.17 Jeff reported the trucks are out of storage and taken to Zingg for routine service. Recalls have been completed. An estimate was given for further repairs both trucks are in need of totaling approximately \$2900.00. Brian motioned all repair issues be completed prior to start up. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Jeff will remain the sub contractor until the 2009 RFP's are reviewed and a decision is made at the May board meeting.

## **Lake Management Plan**

Don reported he received a phone call from DNR agent Heidi Bunk saying the aquatic survey would not be ready and available until the end of April. This will put us behind with acquiring chemical spraying and harvesting permits. Brian will be perusing this issue by calling Jim McNally to ask what can be done to enable us to move ahead applying for permits. We were informed originally the survey was to be completed by February 1st, 2009 and now we are being informed it will not be completed until May 1st, 2009.

## **Old Business**

RFP - Brian suggested we use the RFP from last year making the following change: Proposals need to be postmarked no later than May 10th, 2009. The proposal will be published in the Whitewater Register issues April 16th, 2009 and April 23rd, 2009. Sealed bids will be reviewed at the May 14, 2009 board meeting. Jerry motioned the RFP be put in the Whitewater Register as proposed. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Dave Cleven reported goose egg oiling will begin 4-10-09 in the south lobe depending on the wind as strong winds will make navigation difficult in a small boat through the cattails. The rest of the areas will be done the week of 4-13-09 by pontoon boat that Jeff has offered to provide. The nests will be revisited the second and third week after oiling. The second week more oiling will be done if needed; the third week eggs that are left will be broken. The geese molting season begins around the last week in June and 1st week in July at which time resident geese will be captured, the meat processed and given to food pantries.

Questions / concerns from the floor: Jim Harmon reported brush at the dump site was cut down and grading completed. The driveway is in need of gravel. Brian will be calling Paul Sangrin on this issue.

Thank you's were received from Gordon and John for the gift certificates given them for their service on the board. Art was asked to contact Debbie Mischka to see if we can use her property again to dump seaweed and bog material and ask if she would like the existing bog material flattened out. We then would make sure that would be done for her.

Norm reported mooring buoys was voted down at the Town Meeting. Brian discussed the legislation bills that will be signed regarding phosphorous and changing the "NO WAKE" on lakes from 50' to 100'. Jim motioned there be a 50' no wake sign at the channel R & W Townline Road. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Gerhard asked who has jurisdiction over safety buoys.

Norm replied the Town Board has and they try to work together with patrol officers but there is someone who does not want to give lake management authority to put buoys out. Rich said I amend the motion to recommend to the town board the prior motion of 50'. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Bill briefly reported on the By-Laws. More discussion on this was tabled to the May meeting. Brian reported the dam project was under investigation and further discussion was tabled to the May meeting.

A spring newsletter will be published and mailed in May. Brian asked all chairmen to submit a small report for the newsletter at the next meeting.

Lakes and Ponds suggested we have the lake water tested. They would provide this service for \$1500 testing in spring and fall. Further discussion at the May meeting.

Jeff reported the floating bog will be removed in a couple weeks.

Rich motioned to adjourn this meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: May 14, 2009 6 PM Town Hall - Willis Ray Road

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Speerbrecher  
Clerk